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**Subject:** SB816 "An Act Establishing a Minimum Level of Funding Under the Education Cost Sharing Grant Formula"

I am writing to support this bill where each town would receive no less than 50% funding for its education costs. I think this bill is particularly important especially to the towns that receive less than the appropriate ECS funding. This is further reflected in Regional School District 17, where Haddam shares a school district with neighboring community Killingworth, a town that receives greater funding via the ECS grant and actually has less students than Haddam. The lower allocation creates a significant burden on the town residents via increased property taxes. Since the decommissioning of Yankee Power Station, the town has had a limited industrial base, further burdening the individual homeowner. I urge your support for this bill to help relieve some of the burden and to allow our town to continue to provide the quality education our students deserve.

Sincerely,

Rene Karas-Johnson